



Lt. General A.A.K. Niazi, Commander, Eastern Command, during his visit to

Sylhet area on Thursday (5.7.71), appreciates efforts of the local people in track-

ing out trouble-makers, in close co-operation with the Pakistan troops.

Electric supply to switch over from DC to AC

The DC power supply to 7000 consumers in Dacca area will be discontinued from August 1 this year, says an announcement by Dacca Electric Supply, East Pakistan WAPDA, according to ISPR Press release in Dacca on Thursday.

The consumers have been directed to change their DC equipments and renovate their DC internal wirings (wherever necessary) for getting AC supply by 14 August, 1971.

The switch over to AC supply system has become necessary as the old DC plants have out-lived their utility, making it impossible to continue the DC supply in the Dacca area.

Simultaneously Dacca Electric Supply will implement its conversion programme and draw alternate AC lines for the consumers of the affected areas, which will involve interruptions of power supply for which separate notification will be issued as and when required.

Japan economic ties

TOKYO, July 8.—Foreign Minister Takeo Fukuda yesterday stressed the importance of increasing economic cooperation with foreign countries under a new concept, reports Reuter.

Gen. Niazi inspects defensive deployment of troops in Sylhet

Lt. General A. A. K. Niazi, Commander Eastern Command, inspected defensive deployment of troops along the north-eastern border during his visit to Sylhet area on Thursday. He was accompanied by the GOC, says an ISPR Press release.

The troops have been deployed in defence to check any possible infiltration or attack from across the border. The troops are in control of all the border out-posts.

Gen. Niazi talked to the troops informally and enquired about their welfare. He found them in good shape.

The local Commander, briefing Gen. Niazi, said that the entire Sylhet area had been cleared of trouble-makers with the active co-operation of the civil population. Some miscreants trained by India, the Commander added, at times tried to sneak into the border area mainly to disrupt our means of communication but they were being appropriately dealt with. Razakars and the local people had themselves successfully resisted attempts of sabotage by miscreants at a number of places, the Commander further said.

From Sylhet, Gen. Niazi flew by helicopter to Jaintapur in the north where he visited the Reception centre. He was told that about 7000 displaced persons, including over 1200 people of minority community had returned from across the border mostly through unrecognised routes as India was blocking them on recognised routes.

Near the Reception centre a large crowd at Darbaspur greeted the General by shouting 'Nara-i-Takbir, Allah-o-Akbar' 'Pakistan Painsadab' and 'Quaid-e-Azam Zindabad'.

Later General Niazi visited Sheolamukh ferry on Kushiara river and Srimangal area.

The local Commander told General Niazi at Srimangal that there was no physical threat to the tea gardens in the area. The miscreants were, however, trying to scare away the skilled labourers from the tea estates, he added. These miscreants usually came from the training camps set up by India along the border.

General Niazi was also shown a sizable quantity of Indian explosives recovered from the border areas.

General Niazi flew back to Dacca in the evening.